

**THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL  
OF THE  
SENATE  
OF THE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Eighth Organizational Meeting of the Senate  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 9, 2012

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 o'clock A.M. by Hon.  
Joel T. Chaisson II, President of the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll being called, the following members-elect answered to  
their names:

**PRESENT**

Adley	Dorsey-Colomb	Murray
Alario	Erdey	Nevers
Allain	Gallot	Peacock
Amedee	Guillory	Perry
Appel	Heitmeier	Peterson
Broome	Johns	Riser
Brown	Kostelka	Smith, G.
Chabert	LaFleur	Smith, J.
Cheek	Long	Tarver
Claitor	Martiny	Thompson
Cortez	Mills	Walsworth
Crowe	Morrell	Ward
Donahue	Morrish	White
Total - 39		

**ABSENT**

Total - 0

The President of the Senate announced there were 39 members-  
elect present and a quorum.

**Invocation**

The prayer was offered by Father Jeff Bayhi, following which  
the Senate was led by Jan Marie Alario in the Pledge of Allegiance  
to the flag of the United States of America.

**Messages from the  
Secretary of the State**

The following messages from the Secretary of State were  
received and read as follows:

**SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

November 29, 2011

To the President of the Senate  
State of Louisiana

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with R.S.  
18:573, the name of the persons who have received the greatest  
number of votes cast for State Senate in the Legislature of Louisiana

from their respective Senatorial Districts, and who have been duly  
proclaimed elected.

Sincerely,  
TOM SCHEDLER  
Secretary of State

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby  
Certify that the following candidates were declared elected by the  
people to the office set above their names:

1 <sup>st</sup> Senatorial District	A.G. Crowe
2 <sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District	Troy E. Brown
3 <sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District	J.P. Morrell
4 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Edwin R. "Ed" Murray
5 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Karen Carter Peterson
6 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Mack "Bodi" White, Jr.
7 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	David Heitmeier
8 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	John A. Alario, Jr.
9 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Conrad Appel
10 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Daniel R. "Danny" Martiny
11 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Jack" Donahue, Jr.
12 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Ben Nevers
13 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Dale Erdey
14 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Yvonne Dorsey
15 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Sharon Weston Broome
16 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Dan Claitor
17 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Rick" Ward III
18 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Jody" Amedee
19 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Gary L. Smith, Jr.
20 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Norby" Chabert
21 <sup>st</sup> Senatorial District	R.L. "Bret" Allain II
22 <sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District	Fred "T-Fred" Mills, Jr.
23 <sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District	Patrick "Page" Cortez
24 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Elbert Lee Guillory
25 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Dan "Blade" Morrish
26 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Jonathan Perry
27 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Ronnie" Johns
28 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Eric LaFleur
29 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	"Rick" Gallot
30 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	John Smith
31 <sup>st</sup> Senatorial District	Gerald Long
32 <sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District	Neil Riser
33 <sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District	Michael A. "Mike" Walsworth
34 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Francis Thompson
35 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka
36 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Robert Adley
37 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Barrow Peacock
38 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Sherri Smith Cheek
39 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	Gregory Tarver

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on  
November 29, 2011.

TOM SCHEDLER  
Secretary of State

Senator Tarver moved that the qualifications of the above named  
Senators-elect be accepted and the Senators should be administered  
the Oath of Office.

Without objection.

**Administering the Oath of Office**

The membership-elect presented themselves before the bar of  
the Senate and took the following oath of office administered by  
Catherine D. Kimball, Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court:

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## 1st DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

"I, ..., do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution and laws of the United States and the constitution and laws of this state and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Louisiana Senate, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God."

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### Organization

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President of the Senate declared the election of a President of the Senate was now in order:

### Election of President of the Senate

Senator Martiny placed in nomination the name of Senator John A. Alario, Jr.

Senator Gallot seconded the nomination.

Senator Thompson moved the nominations be closed and Senator Alario be elected President of the Senate.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

#### YEAS

Adley	Dorsey-Colomb	Murray
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Allain	Gallot	Perry
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Crowe	Morrell	White
Donahue	Morrish	
Total - 38		

#### NAYS

Peacock  
Total - 1

#### ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Senator Alario was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Judge Carl J. Barbier.

**Senate President Alario in the Chair**

### Election of President Pro Tempore of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a President Pro Tempore of the Senate was now in order.

Senator Dorsey-Colomb placed in nomination the name of Senator Sharon Broome.

Senator Long seconded the nomination.

Senator Murray moved the nominations be closed and Senator Broome be elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

#### YEAS

Mr. President	Dorsey-Colomb	Murray
Adley	Erdey	Nevers
Allain	Gallot	Peacock
Amedee	Guillory	Perry
Appel	Heitmeier	Peterson
Broome	Johns	Riser
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Cortez	Mills	Walsworth
Crowe	Morrell	Ward
Donahue	Morrish	White
Total - 39		

#### NAYS

Total - 0

#### ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Senator Broome was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Judge Lisa Woodruff-White.

### Election of Secretary of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a Secretary of the Senate was now in order.

Senator Nevers placed in nomination the name of Glenn Koepp.

Senator Adley seconded the nomination.

Senator Heitmeier moved the nomination be closed and Mr. Koepp be elected Secretary of the Senate.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

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Mr. President	Dorsey-Colomb	Murray
Adley	Erdey	Nevers
Allain	Gallot	Peacock
Amedee	Guillory	Perry
Appel	Heitmeier	Peterson
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Claitor	Martiny	Thompson
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Total - 39		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Mr. Koepp was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Senator Jody Amedee.

### Election of Sergeant at Arms of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a Sergeant at Arms of the Senate was now in order.

Senator J. R. Smith placed in nomination the name of John Keller.

Senator Walsworth seconded the nomination.

Senator Cheek Buffinton moved the nomination be closed and Mr. Keller be elected Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

YEAS

Mr. President	Dorsey-Colomb	Murray
Adley	Erdey	Nevers
Allain	Gallot	Peacock
Amedee	Guillory	Perry
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Total - 39		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Mr. Keller was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Senator Murray.

### Benediction

The benediction was offered by Pastor Raymond A. Jetson.

### Adjournment

On motion of Senator Broome the Senate adjourned its organizational meeting Sine Die.

GLENN A. KOEPP  
Secretary of the Senate

DIANE O' QUIN  
Journal Clerk